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**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 2851**

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In re PATENT APPLICATION of:
LEENDERS et al.

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Application No.: 10/823,772

Group Art Unit: 2851

Filed: April 14, 2004

Examiner: Kim, Peter B.

Title: LITHOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, PROJECTION SYSTEM, METHOD OF
PROJECTING AND DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD

**RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

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Sir:

In reply to the Advisory Action dated, July 21, 2006, and in further reply to the Office Action dated March 6, 2006, reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application are respectfully requested.

With respect to the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed April 20, 2006, the undersigned confirms that European Patent Application Publication 1 107 068 A2 is equivalent to Korean patent document KP 2001-0051996 (reference D1 from the Korean Office Action submitted with the April 20, 2006 IDS) and European Patent Application Publication 0 866 374 A2 is equivalent to Korean patent document KP 1998-080359 (reference D2 from the Korean Office Action).

It is respectfully noted that EP 1 107 068 A2 is equivalent to U.S. Patent 6,593,585 (note that both documents claim priority to European Application 99204043), which was submitted with the IDS filed with the application on April 14, 2004. U.S. Patent 6,593,585 was considered by the Examiner on October 29, 2005.

It is further respectfully noted that EP 0 866 374 A2 is equivalent to U.S. Patent 6,490,025 (note that both documents claim priority to Japanese Applications 9-83243 and 9-

96450), which was also submitted with the April 14, 2004 IDS and considered by the Examiner on October 29, 2005.

The third document from the Korean Office Action, Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication (Kokai) 2002-033274 (Oshida et al., published January 31, 2002) was submitted with the IDS filed August 12, 2005, and considered by the Examiner on October 29, 2005.

It is respectfully submitted that all three references from the Korean Office Action have already been submitted by Applicants and considered by the Examiner.

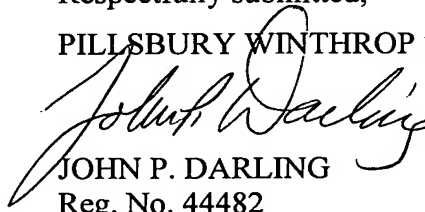
It is respectfully submitted that the Amendment filed July 5, 2006 was fully responsive to the March 6, 2006 Office Action and placed the application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it respectfully submitted that no fee is due for submission of this response. However, to ensure consideration, the undersigned authorizes the charging of Deposit Account No. 03-3975 in the amount necessary for entry of this response.

In view of the above remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that all the claims are allowable and that the entire application is in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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